

# State To Seek Indictments In Degnan And WAVE Slayings

## Report Youth Has Made Shocking Admissions of Three Chicago Murders

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orneys—saying they came into possession of the indictments only yesterday—asked continuance.

Criminal Court Judge Harold G. Ward gave Heirens until Aug. 14, when he will hear motions which Heirens' attorneys may file, or on a plea.

He seemed to enjoy being the center of attraction in the crowded courtroom, although observers said his smile at times seemed forced.

While Heirens was in court, two janitors of buildings in the neighborhood of the Degnan's north side apartment were in the crowd, studying him closely.

Later they came to Assistant State's Attorney Crowley and said that they had seen the youth before.

### Seen Around Building

One, Frank Van Aelst, said he had seen Heirens in and around the building where he works at 5959 Kenmore, just north of the Degnan home.

Ben Peterson, janitor of the Shoreland apartments at 1052 Sheridan rd., said he had seen Heirens around the building where he works several times. Each time, he said, burglaries were reported in the building.

Police said, however, that a quick check showed none of the loot from such robberies in Heirens' possession.

Another janitor, Elmer Nelson, then told State's Attorney Tuohy and Crowley that Heirens "looked like the man" he saw around a building at 4108 Kenmore avenue in June, 1945.

Mrs. Ross lived in that building.

### No Charges Filed

No charges have been filed against Heirens in connection with any of the slayings, despite conferences between state's and defense attorneys.

From his brief oral admissions and facts and evidence gathered by the police in their investigations, it now is possible to present a rounded story of the youth's crimes.

Heirens, who began burglarizing when he was 9 years old, attended a movie with a college friend and a girl the night of Jan. 6.

Afterwards, he rode the elevated lines to the northside and walked a few blocks to the neighborhood of the building at 4108 Kenmore.

### Money Believed There

Heirens had been a delivery boy for a liquor store in the section, a north side residential area. He knew the home. He thought there was money there.

The child's father, James, earned \$7500 a year, although the youth thought he was a wealthy man.

Heirens had "spotted" the child and her bedroom previously while burglarizing another home in the area.

After reaching the Degnan home shortly before 2 a. m. on the morning of Jan. 7, he picked up a small ladder in the yard.

He placed the ladder against a rear wall of the Degnan home and climbed through the window of the child's bedroom. She was sleeping.

He threw a sack over her head, picked her up and carried her on his shoulder down the ladder and into an alley.

### Child Awakens, Screams

Near the mouth of the alley, the child woke up and cried out.

Heirens apparently had not intended to kill the child at that moment, intending to wait until he reached a nearby basement with which he had become familiar during his work as a delivery boy.

But he feared discovery—the same fear that earlier had motivated the shooting and knifing of Miss Brown and the strangulation and knifing of Mrs. Ross.

So, in the quiet of the early winter morning, he strangled the child with his hands, within a few yards of her home.

There now remained the body. He feared that it might be found too quickly unless he disposed of it completely. He carried the body to the basement, located in an apartment at 5901 Wintrop ave., and placed it in one section of a wash tub.

There, with a hunting knife he had carried with him, he severed the child's head, arms and legs.

Then he carried the pieces—some wrapped in paper, others in bags—to various catch basins within a five or six block radius of the child's home. He threw the head in one, the arms in another, the torso in a third, and the legs in still another.

Apparently, he hoped that the pieces would be washed away, eliminating the possibility of discovery by police.

### Notes Not Clarified

But, within hours, the head, legs and torso were recovered by police. The arms were found in a sewer four blocks from the home—Feb. 19. The United Press sources said that in his oral confession Heirens specifically mentioned the arms and that he put them there.

He left a ransom note, demanding \$20,000, on the floor of the child's bedroom.

His brief oral confession, however, did not clarify whether he left the note when he stole the child or returned to the home after disposing of her body and threw the note into the window.

By dawn, three and one-half hours before the child's parents or anyone living but William Heirens knew of the crime which was to turn Chicago police loose on the greatest manhunt in their history, Heirens was finished with his grisly task.

He boarded an elevated car, rode to the south side and went to a 9 a. m. class at the university. (Earlier police reports said Heirens missed the 8 and 9 a. m. classes but attended a 10 a. m. class.)

He was attending class shortly

## Heirens Confers With Attorney



William Heirens, 17, confers with his attorney, John Coghlan, in Heirens' cell at the county jail in Chicago.

## Sons of Dead War Hero Romp As Fund for New Home Grows

CHIYENNE, Wyo., July 16 (U.P.)—Two little boys—on the "very image" of his dead war hero father—rolled and tumbled on real grass today for the first time in almost a year.

J. M. Hunter, who was their father's best friend, invited Ronald and Richard Carey to romp in his back yard.

"Our place don't got no grass on it," Richard, 7, explained breathlessly. "Last time we got to play on grass was last summer at Grandpa's in Spokane."

Then, shrieking and giggling, he was off for a game of last-tag with Ronald, 5.

Mr. Hunter, who donated the \$25 which started off a fund to buy a house for Mrs. Eva Carey and her two fatherless boys, went to the Carey home last week to report on the campaign.

It was then that the boys told him how they felt about grass.

## No Beans, Bacon or Sugar—And No Parkersburg Dinner

Times Special CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., July 16—"No beans, no bacon, no sugar." This, in brief, is the reason the annual Parkersburg bean dinner will not be revived this year, according to George A. Stillwell, president of the association in charge of the affair which dates back more than 60 years.

Held annually at Parkersburg, south of here, the dinner in the past has attracted crowds of 3000 to 5000 persons. It has been discontinued for the past three years, however, due to food and transportation difficulties.

The bean dinner, cooked in huge iron kettles in the open air, was started soon after the Civil War by the Parkersburg G. A. R. camp. When the last member of the camp died, it was carried on by other residents of the community.

## YELLOW FEVER TEST VOLUNTEER IS DEAD

(Continued From Page One) American war, proved conclusively that the anopheline mosquito communicated malaria and paved the way for world-wide control of the dreaded disease.

Four decades later, Dr. Reed's discovery and the results thereof were of vast importance to other American soldiers fighting another war in the Pacific tropics.

For Pvt. Kissinger's contribution to medical science, congress granted him a \$100-a-month pension. The American Medical society gave him a home in Huntington in 1926. He lived in Wabash and Huntington counties until several years ago when he moved to Florida because of failing health.

## VETS GET LAUGH ON DRAFT BOARD

WORCESTER, Mass. (U.P.)—

The draft board's house here may be drafted—to house veterans. The red brick house on Highland st. that served during the war as headquarters for two draft boards may be used to house two or more veterans' families because of the housing shortage here.

## MRS. LENORE CARSON, DIES AT ST. VINCENTS

Mrs. Lenore Carson, an employee of Kiefer-Stewart Co., died today at St. Vincent's hospital. She had lived here the last five years, her recent home being with a daughter, Miss Bryce E. Carson, 5348 Speedway dr.

A native of Huntington, W. Va., Mrs. Carson was a member of a Methodist church at Montgomery, W. Va.

Survivors besides the daughter at whose home she lived include another daughter, Mrs. Grace Young, W. Va.; two sons, O. E. Goodman, Huntington, W. Va., and W. G. Goodman, Montgomery, W. Va.; two brothers and six sisters.

Services will be held at Huntington, W. Va., with burial there.

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But the Earl, whose ancestors made and unmade kings of Eng-

## DRIVERLESS CAR KILLS ONE, INJURES THREE

CHICAGO, July 16 (U.P.)—A stalled, driver-less automobile suddenly sprang to life and careened down a crowded loop sidewalk yesterday, killing one person, injuring three and driving scores of shoppers into the street.

George G. Yule, 58, Evanston, Ill., an internal revenue department agent, was crushed to death by the automobile. Injured were Mrs. Tillie Melitzer, 54; Angelo Balo, 24, and Howard Stewart, 24, Negro, all of Chicago.

Mrs. Constance Maniscalco, 25, left the automobile while she was shopping. Wayne Sarvis, 32, a parking lot attendant, said the motor went dead as he backed up the parking driveway. He got out, lifted the hood and the car sped down the sidewalk. He said he must have touched the starter.

## SPY SUSPECT SURE OF ESCAPING DEATH

SEATTLE, July 16 (U.P.)—The fate of Russian Naval Lt. Nicolai G. Redin, charged with five counts of espionage against the United States, rested with a jury today.

The handsome young spy suspect had one assurance—that he will not suffer the death penalty if found guilty.

Federal Judge Lloyd Black disclosed in a surprise announcement last night that regardless of the jury's verdict, he would not impose capital punishment.

"I am satisfied that this is not a capital case," Judge Black said. "The life of Lt. Redin is not at stake."

Judge Black's announcement came after both prosecution and defense attorneys had delivered their final arguments.

Redin, an officer in the Soviet navy, was seized by F. B. I. agents at Portland, Ore., March 26, as he was preparing to board a Russian pound Soviet steamer.

500,000 LEFT HOMELESS CALCUTTA, July 16 (U.P.)—Floods which swept through southern Bengal and Chittagong districts left most of the 500,000 inhabitants homeless and destitute, it was reported today.

## FOOD PRICES UP; MORE AVAILABLE

### Survey Shows Buyers Have Greater Selection.

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the rump beef, at chain store prices in Evansville, Ind., on June 30. The same list, including the beef for \$1.36, totaled \$5.58 at these stores yesterday. The difference was only 9 cents, excluding the beef price.

At Columbus, O., the total price for the list went up from \$6.25 to \$7.07 in an independent grocery. In general, increases were found to be less per item in chain stores.

At Albuquerque, N. M., the fluctuation was from \$5.20 to \$6.44 at an independent store, and at El Paso, Tex., where prices were about the same at both types of stores, the total rose from \$5.40 to \$6.12 in the two weeks.

New York Survey Complex.

These were representative and average increases for all the cities surveyed.

In El Paso and Albuquerque prices were unchanged for potatoes, tomatoes, onions and lemons. In Evansville eggs were down a cent a dozen at chain stores, potatoes were off 16 cents for 10 pounds, onions down 7 cents, tomatoes 6 cents and lemons 1 cent.

A comparatively accurate survey was more difficult in New York because of the variety of the store groups ranging from the small independent to the large supermarket.

Also notable was the reluctance of butchers to quote individual prices on separate items purchased in multiple sales. If the housewife there orders two or more types of meat she usually learns only what her total bill amounts to.

Fresh Meats Increase

New York butchers questioned about prices say they're charging "about a nickel or a dime" above the old O.P.A. prices, but actually they charge what the traffic will bear. Both meat and butter are plentiful.

In San Francisco bread prices were unchanged, milk was two cents lower. Butter, scarce on June 30, now plentiful at 80 to 88 cents a pound. Under the O.P.A. it sold at 56 cents, early in July shot to 72 cents and then to a high of 93 before leveling off.

Cincinnati reported a heavy increase in fresh meats. Boiled ham formerly at 82 cents was up to \$1 although one chain store was selling it at 60 cents. Onions, potatoes, milk, peas, lemons, bread were all unchanged. Knoxville shoppers found vegetables plentiful; hence down in price.

Fewer Takers Found

Both Cleveland and Albuquerque reported higher butter prices were finding fewer takers. In Cleveland it was from 76 to 86 cents a pound and some was being returned to the creameries. In Albuquerque butter had risen from 54 cents in chain stores and 67 cents in independents to yesterday's 80-cent price at both.

Arrival of 30 carloads of meat in Washington added to an already plentiful supply but it was slow to reach retail showcases. Meats and vegetables appeared to be holding the line.

Similarly, at Columbus, housewives were shying away from high prices. One chain store had butler left Saturday night.

And Memphis reported there was more butter on the market because shoppers were not paying higher prices when they can get Oleomargarine. Butter there was up 10 cents to 75 cents over July 1 in chain stores and as high as 88 cents in independents.

Pittsburgh prices were still fluctuating, particularly on meat and butter of which there was virtually none in legitimate channels two weeks ago.

Miners there were protesting they were unable to get enough food for heavy work.

Now the meat supply is good but distribution is spotty. Also there was plenty of butter but bread remained short.

## OK COIN TO HONOR BOOKER WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 16 (U.P.)—The house yesterday passed and sent to the Senate a bill to coin a special 50-cent piece in honor of the late Booker T. Washington, Negro educator, after hearing Rep. Howard W. Smith (D. Va.), plead for racial tolerance.

"We have too much race prejudice in the world," Mr. Smith told the house. "Those who indulge in the nefarious practice of criticizing minority races will find retribution as did the Nazis."

"We need the co-operation of all our minorities in this, our greatest hour of trial in history."

Washington, a former slave, founded Tuskegee university, Ala. The memorial coin will be sold to finance a memorial at his Franklin county, Va., birthplace.

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When the buttons were stolen, the Earl was in Africa shooting lions. He said yesterday that he hadn't worn that particular vest for 10 or 12 years anyhow.

"I'm afraid this is not the first time Mr. Cook has had racing trouble," the Earl confided. "I